

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The United States Constitution is the oldest written national constitution still in continuous use; and,

Whereas, The United States Constitution protects the Liberty of the American people by limiting the federal government to a very few specified powers, leaving the general power of government to the several states; and,

Whereas, The United States Constitution recognizes in the Ninth Article of Amendment the Natural Rights of man referred to in the Declaration of Independence; and,

Whereas, The people of the United States are less familiar with the history and text of the Constitution than previous generations of Americans; and,

Whereas, This wonderful inheritance can be lost through indifference and ignorance, allowing those in power to trespass on the Constitution, and the Liberties of the people; and,

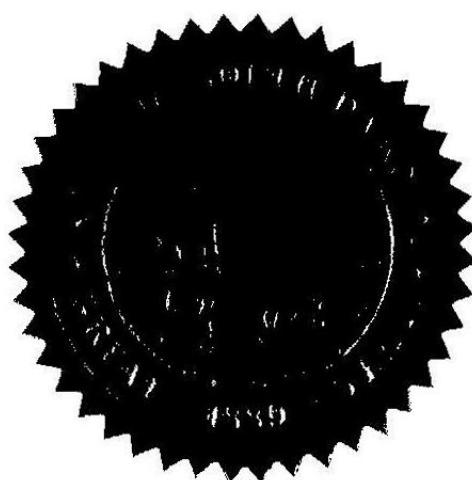
Whereas, The public reading of the text of the United States Constitution is an effective way for a community to appreciate the Providential gift of the Constitution and the way it protects them from tyranny; and,

Whereas, The Constitution was approved by the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia on September 17, 1787, and sent to the states for ratification:

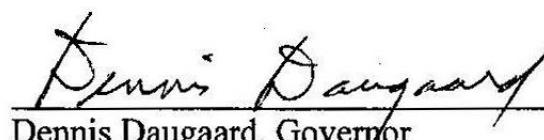
Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2012, as

READ THE CONSTITUTION DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.



Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:



Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State